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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: A System For Vending Products And Services Using An Identification Card And Associated Methods - Jonathan H. Metcalf, Robert J. O'Leary, Merlyn W. Barth, Jacob H. Gunther, Rabia B. Malik, Erik S. Peterson, Heath W. Rogers, Mikhail M. Sashnikov*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 109-page patent specification containing 175 claims and an abstract;
- (2) Figures 1-14 on 15 sheets;
- (3) Declaration;
- ✓ (4) Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet;
- (5) The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$2645.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/10700.0005.NPUS00 for filing fees and the assignment recordation fee. Should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any such fees from the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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FOR		Small Entity	Large Entity
Total Claims	175 - 20 = 155	x \$ 9 = \$ 1395	or x \$18 =
Independent Claims	23 - 3 = 20	x \$42 = \$ 840	or x \$84 =
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)		+ \$140 = \$	or + \$280 =
Basic Fee:		+ \$370 = \$ 370	or + \$740 =
Assignment Recording Fee:	(\$40 per assignee)	+ = \$ 40	+ 40=
TOTAL FILING FEES		\$2645	

The assignee of the present application constitutes a "small entity" and hereby requests to be accorded small entity status for the purpose of paying reduced fees to this office.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 the Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail.

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